Knowing the Traits of the Heart of the Lord Jesus

It is essential to know the traits of the Lord's heart, His manner of being, His ways, the perfect beauty that the Lord Jesus possesses. (To know... Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2)

It is vital to know His heart because we will have to resemble Him, because we will have to grow until we reach the stature of His fullness.

In God's plan, which was made before man existed, it was foreseen that His Son would come to earth to show us His perfect ways. (Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Psalms 25:8; As for God, his way is perfect. Psalms 18:30)

He revealed His perfect beauty with which He draws us to Him, to fall in love with Him and desire to be like Him. (And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32)

In our relationship with Lord Jesus, Scripture sees us in several roles. We are seen as disciples, as servants, as brothers of the Lord, and as His bride. He is our Bridegroom, and we are His bride! Let us ask ourselves: What relationship should there be between two betrothed? (For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:2)

It is clear that our relationship with the Lord must be one of admiration, of love. The Word of the Lord often speaks of the fact that Lord Jesus will be our Bridegroom and that we will be His bride (wife). (Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. Revelation 21:9). The Lord loves me, and in His love, He calls me to enter into a relationship of love, of betrothal with Him.

Only if love awakens in us for the One who is more beautiful than anything that exists in heaven and on earth, only then does the Lord enter into a relationship with us. (I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please. Song of Solomon 8:4)

He comes to me and shows me His beauty, the beauty of His ways, and has long patience for me until love awakens in me for Him and His ways. When this happens on my part, He enters into a relationship with me by making a covenant of love to be His.

It is not a covenant that the Lord forces me to make out of fear of eternal hell (as most do today) but a covenant based on love because I have come to love Him more than

anything. (Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine. Ezekiel 16:8)

God knows the heart of man. He knows when we are drawn by His beauty, knows when there is admiration, when love comes from the whole heart, and when my heart is ready to follow Him. Only then does He make a covenant of betrothal with me. (He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him... John 14:21)

The beauty of the heart of Lord Jesus must awaken in us what it awakened in the Shulamite, the beauty of her beloved, so that a fervent desire to love Him with all our heart, with all our strength, with all our mind is born in us. (What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold... This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. Song of Solomon 5:9-16)

It is like a betrothal relationship between a young man and a young woman, which can only be entered into due to mutual admiration, due to wholehearted love. Fear of hell or the offers of heaven are excluded. He will not enter into this love relationship with us if our time of love has not come, if we do not love Him more than mother or father, if we do not love Him more than anyone in this world. (He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:37)

This must be the sole purpose of our lives, to live this love relationship and to prepare ourselves as a bride for our wedding with the Bridegroom. (The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Revelation 19:7)

We have been called to dwell together with our Bridegroom and His Father! Because He obeyed the Father in all things, His wife must also obey Him in all things. Only then will the Father and the Son dwell together with me. (If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23)

His wife has made herself ready, has become like Him. Now she is a bride, she is in the school of her Bridegroom, walks in His righteous ways, and learns to be godly towards Him, to obey Him, just as He obeyed the Father. Through the trials she goes through, she reaches the stature of her husband. She will be made perfect, just as her Bridegroom was made perfect. If He was made perfect, she must also be made

perfect!

Let us ask ourselves: Could there be harmony in the Kingdom of God if the Son obeys the Father exactly, but His wife does not obey in the same way? Would it be possible?

However, the beauty of the Lord's heart and the path He walked is hidden from the eyes of most people. (Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14)

The one whom Christians admire today is another Jesus. Today, another Jesus and another way are preached, which most easily accept. (There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 16:25)

It is another Jesus, who they believe rejoices that people celebrate His birthday, a Jesus who would watch the news, soap operas, waste time on the internet, on Facebook, go to the sea to relax, drive without caring about traffic laws, work illegally... go to the army, take an oath, get angry... (For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or another gospel... ye might well bear with him. 2 Corinthians 11:4)

The true Jesus is the one we find described by the Holy Scripture. He walked the narrow path, the path He calls us to walk. (If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24)

In His relationship with the Father, He denied Himself, was humble, made Himself a servant obedient unto death, was godly, loved the heavenly Father with all His heart.

The true Jesus was long-suffering when mocked, was full of kindness towards those who crucified Him, was full of gentleness, loved His enemies. (Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously. 1 Peter 2:23)

The true Jesus loved righteousness and hated iniquity. He did not joke, did not laugh at others' jokes, did not use idle words, did not argue with anyone.

He did not live in the flesh for a moment. This Jesus calls us to crucify the flesh and live as He lived.

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